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Factory vacation shutdowns and school closings were largely responsible for lower employment in Connecticut during July when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.3 percent, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Elsewhere in the economy, personal income of state residents once again reached an all-time high and there was seasonally adjusted improvement in several indicators.

Employment, Wages and Hours: July's non-farm employment of 1,485,700 was down from 1,499,000 in June but 43,100 above July last year (page 2). The monthly decline is considered less than the average drop experienced between June and July. Vacation shutdowns accounted for a 7,300 decrease in manufacturing employment. In non-manufacturing, a gain of 12.9 percent (1,100 jobs) in the hotel category, a 3.5 percent increase in construction employment (2,100 jobs) and seasonal boosts in various trade categories were offset by lower government employment and transportation reflecting summer furloughs for school support staff personnel. Compared with a year ago, manufacturing employment was up by 4.9 percent and non-manufacturing 2.3 percent this July.

Both weekly and hourly wages of factory production workers increased in July to $390.01 and $9.22, respectively, up from $389.23 and $9.18 the month before and $363.85 and $8.81 in 1983 (page 3). Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, earnings were $8.80 per hour and $352 weekly, 3.7 percent above July 1983. Labor markets with the highest weekly factory wages were Bristol, Ansonia, New London/Norwich, Hartford, Norwalk and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: There was an unemployment increase from June's 71,800 to 73,700 in July which compared with 98,200 a year ago (page 4). The unchanged 4.3 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained well under the nation's 7.5 percent July rate and the 5.8 percent state figure for last July. Unemployment dropped in three areas, remained the same in four and increased in nine (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimate are people receiving unemployment compensation, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. There were an estimated 25,400 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in July compared with 24,600 in mid-June.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents was at a new monthly high of $4-billion, 243-million (page 7) in July and other seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed, with lower first-time claims for unemployment benefits and new car registrations, and slightly higher manufacturing output.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

July, 1984

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983(R)	%Change July '84 over June'84	%Change July '84 over July '83
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,485,700*	1,499,000*	1,442,600*	- 0.9	+ 3.0
Manufacturing.....	410,400*	417,700*	391,100*	- 1.8	+ 4.9
Durable.....	307,600*	312,500*	291,500*	- 1.6	+ 5.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,500	6,700	6,000	- 3.0	+ 8.3
Primary Metals.....	15,800*	17,100	15,900	- 7.6	- 0.6
Fabricated Metals.....	55,900	58,300	53,000*	- 4.1	+ 5.5
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,600	49,800	46,200	- 0.4	+ 7.4
Electrical Equipment.....	54,900	55,200	49,900	- 0.5	+ 10.0
Transportation Equipment.	82,300*	82,400*	79,400*	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,700	28,000	26,900	- 1.1	+ 3.0
Other Durable.....	14,900	15,000	14,200	- 0.7	+ 4.9
Nondurable.....	102,800	105,200	99,600	- 2.3	+ 3.2
Food.....	13,000	13,800	13,400	- 5.8	- 3.0
Textiles.....	6,500	7,200	6,800	- 9.7	- 4.4
Apparel.....	9,600	9,700	8,300	- 1.0	+ 15.6
Paper.....	10,700	10,800	10,200	- 0.9	+ 4.9
Printing & Publishing....	25,800	26,500	25,100	- 2.6	+ 2.8
Chemicals.....	22,400	22,400	22,000	0.0	+ 1.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,000	13,000	12,200	0.0	+ 6.6
Other Nondurable.....	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0	+ 12.5
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,075,300	1,081,300	1,051,500*	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Construction & Mining.....	61,900	59,800	59,300	+ 3.5	+ 4.4
Transportation.....	30,100	32,400	29,600	- 7.1	+ 1.7
Motor Freight & Warehsng.	12,300	12,300	12,400	0.0	- 0.8
Other Transportation.....	17,800	20,100	17,200	- 11.4	+ 3.5
Communications.....	19,600	19,500	18,800	+ 0.5	+ 4.3
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	12,500	0.0	+ 2.4
Trade.....	321,400	320,300	314,000*	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Wholesale.....	74,400	73,600	74,400*	+ 1.1	0.0
Retail.....	247,000	246,700	239,600	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
General Merchandise.....	33,600	33,400	31,300	+ 0.6	+ 7.4
Food Stores.....	45,400	45,200	43,700	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta....	26,700	26,400	26,000	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Restaurants.....	74,500	74,500	72,500	0.0	+ 2.8
Other Retail Trade.....	66,800	67,200	66,100	- 0.6	+ 1.1
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	123,200	122,600	119,900	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Banking.....	28,000	27,800	27,700	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Insurance.....	69,500	69,400	67,900	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Real Estate.....	11,300	11,200	10,700	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	14,400	14,200	13,600	+ 1.4	+ 5.9
Services.....	329,200	327,800	321,100	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Hotels.....	9,600	8,500	9,300	+ 12.9	+ 3.2
Personal Services.....	15,500	15,600	14,900	- 0.6	+ 4.0
Business Services.....	67,300	66,500	64,800	+ 1.2	+ 3.9
Health Services.....	109,100	109,800	106,100	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Law & Professional.....	23,000	23,200	22,400	- 0.9	+ 2.7
Educational Services.....	29,600	30,400	28,600	- 2.6	+ 3.5
Other Services.....	75,100	73,800	75,000	+ 1.8	+ 0.1
Government.....	177,100	186,100	176,300	- 4.8	+ 0.5
Federal.....	22,000	21,800	21,800	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
State & Local.....	155,100	164,300	154,500	- 5.6	+ 0.4

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - J U L Y 1 9 8 4

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$390.01	$389.23	$363.85	42.3	42.4	41.3	$9.22	$9.18	$8.81
Durable Manufacturing.....	402.23	401.46	372.26	42.7	42.8	41.5	9.42	9.38	8.97
Lumber & Furniture.....	282.58	289.67	275.12	40.6	41.5	40.4	6.96	6.98	6.81
Primary Metals.....	455.46	445.41	412.70	45.5	44.9	42.9	10.01	9.92	9.62
Fabricated Metals.....	362.09	368.94	335.38	42.3	42.9	40.8	8.56	8.60	8.22
Machinery.....	445.66	443.56	398.05	44.3	44.4	41.9	10.06	9.99	9.50
Electrical Equipment.....	323.75	320.25	306.68	41.4	40.9	41.0	7.82	7.83	7.48
Transportation Equipment...	484.99	478.50	452.24	42.1	41.9	41.3	11.52	11.42	10.95
Instruments & Clocks.....	403.10	411.18	346.15	45.6	46.2	43.0	8.84	8.90	8.05
Other Durable Mfg.....	353.63	361.20	352.60	41.8	43.0	43.0	8.46	8.40	8.20
Nondurable Manufacturing....	352.23	348.91	336.96	41.1	41.0	40.5	8.57	8.51	8.32
Food.....	388.94	375.41	349.02	44.4	43.5	41.6	8.76	8.63	8.39
Textiles.....	286.16	286.64	274.91	39.8	40.6	39.9	7.19	7.06	6.89
Apparel.....	215.55	210.61	206.02	37.1	36.5	36.4	5.81	5.77	5.66
Paper.....	443.10	434.11	409.37	45.4	44.8	44.4	9.76	9.69	9.22
Printing & Publishing.....	337.72	341.24	330.71	37.4	38.0	37.2	9.03	8.98	8.89
Chemicals.....	434.52	439.56	416.79	42.6	42.8	42.4	10.20	10.27	9.83
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	312.66	305.62	309.09	41.8	41.3	41.6	7.48	7.40	7.43
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	286.44	294.42	269.40	38.5	39.1	39.1	7.44	7.53	6.89
Construction.....	635.58	656.87	559.03	39.6	40.2	37.9	16.05	16.34	14.75

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	July 1984 Number	July 1984 Ratio to Labor Force	June 1984(R) Number	June 1984(R) Ratio to Labor Force	July 1983(R) Number	July 1983(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	73,700	4.4	71,800	4.3	98,200	6.0
Seasonally Adjusted....		(4.3)		(4.3)		(5.8)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,000	6.1	1,000	5.9	1,300	8.0
Bridgeport.....	9,800	5.0	9,800	5.0	13,300	6.9
Bristol.....	1,900	5.4	1,700	4.6	2,700	8.2
Danbury.....	3,700	3.5	3,700	3.4	4,700	4.7
Danielson.....	1,900	6.0	1,700	5.6	2,300	7.6
Hartford.....	16,100	4.0	16,200	4.0	22,100	5.6
Meriden.....	1,900	6.8	1,700	6.1	2,800	10.0
Middletown.....	2,500	3.8	2,600	4.0	3,700	6.1
New Britain.....	4,000	5.6	3,400	4.8	5,700	8.0
New Haven.....	9,400	4.4	9,900	4.7	13,200	6.5
New London/Norwich.....	4,900	4.0	4,800	3.9	5,100	4.4
Norwalk.....	3,300	3.8	3,200	3.8	3,500	4.3
Stamford.....	3,400	2.6	3,500	2.7	4,900	3.9
Torrington.....	2,600	6.2	2,500	6.0	3,700	8.7
Waterbury.....	6,400	5.8	5,200	4.8	7,600	7.3
Willimantic.....	900	3.5	900	3.5	1,600	6.2
U.S. Total - Actual.....	8,714,000	7.5	8,582,000	7.4	10,707,000	9.4
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.5)		(7.1)		(9.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	July '84	June'84	July '83
All Items.....	311.7	310.7	299.3
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 4.1

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	July'84	June'84	July'83(R)	Percent Change to July 1984 from: June'84	July'83
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,390	8,490	8,390	- 1.2	0.0
Manufacturing	2,970	2,900	3,000	+ 2.4	- 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	5,420	5,590	5,390	- 3.0	- 0.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,950	169,720	165,880	- 1.0	- 1.2
Manufacturing	59,260	59,720	57,340	- 0.7	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	108,690	110,000	108,540	- 1.2	+ 0.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,450	24,100	20,870	- 6.8	+ 7.6
Manufacturing	8,440	9,720	7,230	- 13.1	+ 16.7
Nonmanufacturing	14,010	14,380	13,640	- 2.6	+ 2.7
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	75,420*	76,680	71,580*	- 1.6	+ 5.4
Manufacturing	28,140*	28,290	25,840	- 0.5	+ 8.9
Nonmanufacturing	47,280	48,390	45,740*	- 2.3	+ 3.4
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,100	21,720	20,630	- 2.9	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	9,950	10,080	9,350	- 1.3	+ 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	11,150	11,640	11,280	- 4.2	- 1.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	410,070	413,480	401,480	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	88,370	88,750	85,180	- 0.4	+ 3.7
Nonmanufacturing	321,700	324,730	316,300	- 0.3	+ 1.7
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,710	22,910	22,200	- 0.9	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	5,110	5,250	4,670	- 2.7	+ 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	17,600	17,660	17,530	- 0.3	+ 0.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	50,830	50,730	46,430	+ 0.2	+ 9.5
Manufacturing	14,460	14,630	14,480	- 1.2	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	36,370	36,100	31,950	+ 0.7	+ 13.8
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	58,870	59,860	58,150*	- 1.7	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	23,670	24,140	23,530*	- 1.9	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	35,200	35,720	34,620	- 1.5	+ 1.7
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	201,180*	199,400	188,060*	+ 0.9	+ 7.0
Manufacturing	39,740*	39,310	37,320	+ 1.1	+ 6.5
Nonmanufacturing	161,440*	160,090	150,740*	+ 0.8	+ 7.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	106,140*	105,820*	101,260*	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	36,360*	35,720*	34,090*	+ 1.8	+ 6.6
Nonmanufacturing	69,780	70,100	67,170	- 0.4	+ 3.9
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	68,590	68,300	66,790	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	22,110	21,860	21,690	+ 1.1	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	46,480	46,440	45,100	+ 0.1	+ 3.1

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	July'84	June'84	July'83(R)	Percent Change to July 1984 from: June'84	July'83
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	115,390	115,910	113,640	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	31,430	31,270	30,880	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	83,960	84,640	82,760	- 0.8	+ 1.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,970	29,050	28,630	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	8,890	9,020	8,680	- 1.4	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	20,080	20,030	19,950	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	86,540*	88,930	84,210	- 2.7	+ 2.8
Manufacturing	28,010*	30,010	26,940	- 6.7	+ 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	58,530	58,920	57,270	- 0.7	+ 2.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,780	20,330	19,870	- 2.7	- 0.4
Manufacturing	2,420	2,430	2,530	- 0.4	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	17,360	17,900	17,310	- 3.0	+ 0.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Ansonia	$440.38	$446.81	$424.65	44.8	45.5	44.7	$9.83	$9.82	$9.50
Bridgeport	396.06	395.38	389.85	41.0	41.1	42.1	9.66	9.62	9.26
Bristol	444.26	437.99	402.66	42.8	42.4	41.9	10.38	10.33	9.61
Danbury	375.40	374.98	347.71	43.5	43.4	42.3	8.63	8.64	8.22
Danielson	332.03	327.64	317.17	40.1	40.7	39.4	8.28	8.05	8.05
Hartford	414.96	411.87	391.23	42.3	42.2	41.4	9.81	9.76	9.45
Meriden	364.46	349.78	334.97	43.7	42.5	40.9	8.34	8.23	8.19
Middletown	393.86	389.75	365.60	41.9	41.2	40.0	9.40	9.46	9.14
New Britain	400.14	402.70	371.28	41.9	42.3	40.8	9.55	9.52	9.10
New Haven	369.08	368.83	340.26	41.1	40.8	39.2	8.98	9.04	8.68
New London/ Norwich	427.25	408.36	388.82	41.4	41.0	40.8	10.32	9.96	9.53
Norwalk	404.50	420.77	367.95	45.5	46.7	43.7	8.89	9.01	8.42
Stamford	380.70	375.58	346.93	42.3	41.5	40.2	9.00	9.05	8.63
Torrington	303.71	296.90	268.77	42.3	41.7	39.7	7.18	7.12	6.77
Waterbury	331.85	340.95	312.80	42.6	43.6	42.5	7.79	7.82	7.36
Willimantic	343.62	340.72	310.90	41.4	41.3	41.9	8.30	8.25	7.42

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1983							
Jan....	1403.7	1422.5	10813	7869	8.1	7.2	3798.4
Feb....	1399.0	1420.5	5308	6472	7.6	6.9	3819.5
Mar....	1412.2	1426.6	4562	6256	7.2	6.8	3825.9
Apr....	1432.2	1433.8	5046	5948	6.6	6.6	3833.9
May....	1444.6	1436.6	4277	5591	5.9	6.2	3848.3
Jun....	1459.4	1443.1	5352	5330	6.0	5.9	3856.8
Jul....	1442.6	1449.6	7784	5288	6.0	5.8	3894.1
Aug....	1429.1	1447.1	4553	4678	5.4	5.4	3922.3
Sep....	1459.6	1450.8	3477	4888	5.0	5.5	3969.6
Oct....	1465.9	1454.1	3620	4582	4.9	5.4	4013.4
Nov....	1475.8	1460.1	3815	4295	4.8	5.2	4046.5
Dec....	1484.6	1464.4	9006	5570	4.9	5.1	4071.6
1984							
Jan....	1446.7	1465.8	6311	4593	5.3	4.6	4116.3
Feb....	1447.4	1469.4	3535	4311	5.2	4.6	4148.9
Mar....	1457.8	1472.5	2953	4051	4.7	4.6	4158.2
Apr....	1474.6	1476.1	3362	3965	4.3	4.4	4165.2
May....	1486.1	1477.2	3006	3929	4.1	4.5	4183.7
Jun....	1499.0	1482.7	3710	3695	4.3	4.3	4205.7
Jul....	1485.7	1493.2	5902	4010	4.4	4.3	4243.9
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983						
Jan....	10587	11638	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	8087	11104	39.4	39.5	106.0	102.5
Mar....	7901	6467	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	8714	9725	41.1	41.3	111.5	108.1
May....	9939	9961	41.1	41.2	111.6	108.7
Jun....	12691	11462	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	7120	8501	41.3	41.6	95.5	107.8
Aug....	11897	10120	41.5	41.8	98.4	111.9
Sep....	12105	12872	41.8	42.0	116.0	114.4
Oct....	10202	10037	42.0	42.1	117.4	115.1
Nov....	13470	11068	42.3	42.0	120.7	116.4
Dec....	9394	9374	42.5	41.9	110.5	116.6
1984						
Jan....	8799	9659	42.2	41.9	121.5	116.9
Feb....	12198	16596	42.5	42.6	123.7	119.9
Mar....	11295	9654	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.6
Apr....	10362	11226	42.9	43.1	126.6	122.7
May....	14081	14039	42.4	42.5	126.0	122.0
Jun....	15288	14275	42.4	42.5	126.9	123.0
Jul....	12301	13698	42.3	42.6	109.0	124.3
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
Jan '83	65,979	$30,736	$ 5,863
Feb	57,275	25,707	11,859
Mar	53,644	30,066	575
Apr	47,737	20,864	24,085
May	40,189	19,735	75,980
Jun	36,313	19,074	725
Jul	38,690	16,321	13,696
Aug	35,187	16,640	38,773
Sep	30,131	14,806	746
Oct	26,602	12,289	8,670
Nov	26,010	13,048	19,982
Dec	27,102	12,970	624
Jan '84	38,570	18,793	7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,345	636
Apr	27,760	14,132	25,197
May	23,249	12,743	98,801
Jun	21,725	10,700e	1,256p
Jul	24,122	12,100e	20,738p
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

* Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$12,902
1981	49,951
1982	50,486
1983	53,991

Total Outstanding Loans - (6/30/84)

Non-interest bearing:
$165,368,554

Interest bearing:
$63,806,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (7/30/84)

$119.9 million (e)

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Factory vacation shutdowns and other seasonal factors lowered employment during August as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged and several economic indicators improved over the month, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Temporary summer closings and seasonal conditions combined to bring nonfarm employment down by 7,500 to 1,478,200 which was 49,100 above the employment level in August last year (page 2). Nearly all of the monthly drop resulted from vacation shutdowns in manufacturing where employment at 403,400 was 12,600 higher than a year ago. Construction added 1,000 jobs over the month, up 5 percent from 1983. Trade, hotels and business services were among other nonmanufacturing categories registering monthly gains.

Factory wages, hours and workweek, reflecting temporary shutdowns, were lower in August when the average weekly pay was $383.72 at $9.18 an hour for a 41.8-hour workweek (page 3). This compared with $364.79 weekly at $8.79 per hour for a 41.5-hour week a year ago. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour week, wages were $8.79 hourly and $351.60 weekly in August, 4 percent above last year's $8.45 hourly and $338 weekly rates. Once again, factory workers in Bristol and Ansonia were paid the highest weekly wage, $437.42 and $426.30 respectively, followed by New London/Norwich, $415.95; Hartford, $408.39; New Britain, $400.68 and Norwalk, $399.60 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the state decreased by 2,800 to 70,900 or 4.2 percent (from 4.4 percent in July) with the seasonally adjusted 4.3 percent rate unchanged (page 4). Last August's unemployment stood at 87,100 for a 5.4 percent rate. Connecticut unemployment remained substantially under the nation's 7.5 percent seasonally adjusted August rate. Unemployment was lower in 10 labor market areas, unchanged in five others and increased by 100 in Stamford.

Included in the estimate are people receiving unemployment benefits, others whose benefits expired or who were ineligible and those entering or reentering the labor force. An estimated 26,600 persons were filing continued claims for compensation, 10,800 fewer than last year.

Other Economic Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy (page 7), new automobile registrations were up from July and substantially higher than August 1983, personal income of state residents hit a record high of $4 billion, 266-million and first-time filings for unemployment compensation dropped to the lowest level in 15 years.

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A 1983 profile of Connecticut's labor force, and a report on federally-designated Labor Surplus Areas in the state are attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1984

	August 1984	July 1984	August 1983(R)	% Change Aug. '84 over July '84	% Change Aug. '84 over Aug. '83
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,478,200*	1,485,700*	1,429,100*	- 0.5	+ 3.4
Manufacturing.....	403,400*	410,400*	390,800*	- 1.7	+ 3.2
Durable.....	300,300*	307,600*	289,000*	- 2.4	+ 3.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,900	6,500	6,100	+ 6.2	+ 13.1
Primary Metals.....	16,400*	15,800*	16,300	+ 3.8	+ 0.6
Fabricated Metals.....	55,600*	55,900*	52,500*	- 0.5	+ 5.9
Machinery exc. Elec.....	47,300	49,600	44,900	- 4.6	+ 5.3
Electrical Equipment....	53,600	54,900	50,100	- 2.4	+ 7.0
Transportation Equipment	78,500*	82,300*	76,900*	- 4.6	+ 2.1
Instruments & Clocks....	27,300	27,700	27,000	- 1.4	+ 1.1
Other Durable.....	14,700	14,900	15,200	- 1.3	- 3.3
Nondurable.....	103,100	102,800	101,800	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Food.....	13,400	13,000	13,700	+ 3.1	- 2.2
Textile.....	6,500	6,500	7,000	0.0	- 7.1
Apparel.....	9,600	9,600	9,500	0.0	+ 1.1
Paper.....	10,500	10,700	10,300	- 1.9	+ 1.9
Printing & Publishing...	25,900	25,800	25,100	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Chemicals.....	22,400	22,400	21,900	0.0	+ 2.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,000	13,000	12,700	0.0	+ 2.4
Other Nondurable.....	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0	+ 12.5
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,074,800	1,075,300	1,038,300*	- 0.0**	+ 3.5
Construction & Mining....	62,900	61,900	59,900*	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
Transportation.....	30,000	30,100	29,600	- 0.3	+ 1.4
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	12,400	12,300	12,400	+ 0.8	0.0
Other Transportation....	17,600	17,800	17,200	- 1.1	+ 2.3
Communications.....	19,800	19,600	9,000*	+ 1.0	+120.0
Utilities.....	12,800	12,800	12,500	0.0	+ 2.4
Trade.....	321,800	321,400	314,300*	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Wholesale.....	74,300	74,400	74,200*	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail.....	247,500	247,000	240,100	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
General Merchandise....	33,400	33,600	31,500	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Food Stores.....	45,800	45,400	44,000	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	26,700	26,700	26,000	0.0	+ 2.7
Restaurants.....	74,400	74,500	72,300	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Other Retail Trade.....	67,200	66,800	66,300	+ 0.6	+ 1.4
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	122,900	123,200	120,100	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Banking.....	27,900	28,000	27,500	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Insurance.....	69,300	69,500	68,300	- 0.3	+ 1.5
Real Estate.....	11,300	11,300	10,700	0.0	+ 5.6
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	14,400	14,400	13,600	0.0	+ 5.9
Sevices.....	328,000	329,200	319,000	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Hotel.....	9,800	9,600	9,600	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Personal Services.....	15,500	15,500	14,800	0.0	+ 4.7
Business Services.....	68,000	67,300	64,100	+ 1.0	+ 6.1
Health Services.....	108,700	109,100	105,800	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Law & Professional.....	23,000	23,000	22,300	0.0	+ 3.1
Educational Services....	28,700	29,600	28,000	- 3.0	+ 2.5
Other Services.....	74,300	75,100	74,400	- 1.1	- 0.1
Government.....	176,600	177,100	173,900	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Federal.....	22,100	22,000	21,800	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
State & Local.....	154,500	155,100	152,100	- 0.4	+ 1.6

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R)Revised Data
**Less than 0.01 percent

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$383.72	$390.01	$364.79	41.8	42.3	41.5	$9.18	$9.22	$8.79
Durable Manufacturing.....	396.68	402.23	375.84	42.2	42.7	41.9	9.40	9.42	8.97
Lumber & Furniture.....	286.62	282.58	280.83	41.3	40.6	40.7	6.94	6.96	6.90
Primary Metals.....	436.25	455.46	419.24	44.2	45.5	43.4	9.87	10.01	9.66
Fabricated Metals.....	361.64	362.09	347.34	42.1	42.3	42.0	8.59	8.56	8.27
Machinery.....	431.00	445.66	400.79	43.1	44.3	42.1	10.00	10.06	9.52
Electrical Equipment.....	322.64	323.75	312.08	41.1	41.4	41.5	7.85	7.82	7.52
Transportation Equipment...	482.47	484.99	445.94	41.7	42.1	40.8	11.57	11.52	10.93
Instruments and Clocks.....	395.12	403.10	354.67	44.9	45.6	43.2	8.80	8.84	8.21
Other Durable Mfg.....	349.29	353.63	359.21	40.9	41.8	43.7	8.54	8.46	8.22
Nondurable Manufacturing....	346.32	352.23	330.30	40.6	41.1	40.4	8.53	8.57	8.25
Food.....	380.14	388.94	353.64	44.1	44.4	42.0	8.62	8.76	8.42
Textiles.....	273.54	286.16	272.74	38.8	39.8	39.7	7.05	7.19	6.87
Apparel.....	222.50	215.55	212.82	38.1	37.1	37.6	5.84	5.81	5.66
Paper.....	422.92	443.10	401.28	43.6	45.4	44.0	9.70	9.76	9.12
Printing & Publishing.....	338.68	337.72	333.31	37.3	37.4	37.2	9.08	9.03	8.96
Chemicals.....	433.15	434.52	401.58	42.3	42.6	41.4	10.24	10.20	9.70
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	307.02	312.66	312.75	41.1	41.8	41.7	7.47	7.48	7.50
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	266.01	286.44	263.87	37.1	38.5	36.7	7.17	7.44	7.19
Construction.....	628.80	635.88	583.69	40.0	39.6	38.3	15.72	16.05	15.24